



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

December 17, 2025

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -8.40, down 2.3 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs over the past week continued to decline as supplies are more than sufficient for current needs. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are lower with a lower undertone as demand for carton stock is mixed and that for loose eggs is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to available and trading is slow. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are lower on reduced demand for adequate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower on very light demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate, schedules full time and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited featuring of caged eggs with a preference for cage-free types. The average ad price is down slightly on the limited test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	309,043,271	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.10%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	302,563,173	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	81.4%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	246,303,670	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	82,037,057	(33.31% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	164,266,613	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	456,296	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

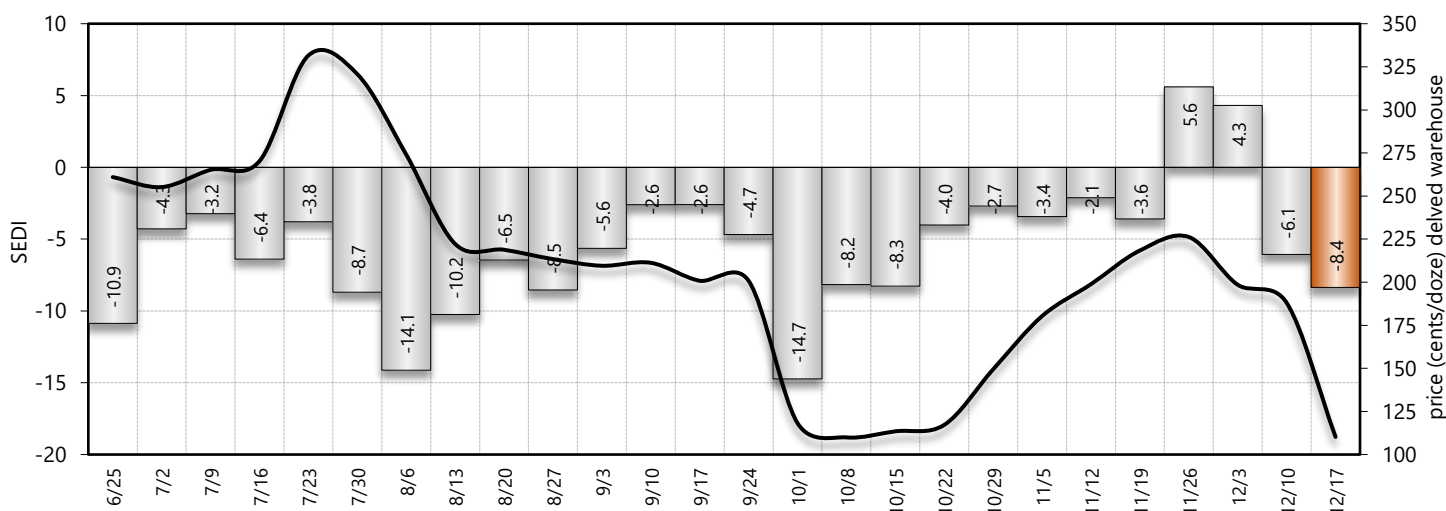
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,588,900	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	282,904	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%)) (707,259 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.15	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.62	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-8.40 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\)](#); [Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)

[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)

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